they attained the age of 25. There is no intention to abrogate this provision. In the case of such candidates no specific prayer for exemption is necessary.

3. In cases not coming under paragraph 2 above, applications for exemption from age bar should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Cochin, Public and Political Department (services), Huzur Secretariat and not to the Diwan of Cochin. Every application praying for such exemption should mention special and justifying circumstances entitling the candidate to such exemption and must be submitted along with the prescribed form of application for appointment.

4. Exemption from age bar will not ordinarily be granted; but where, other things being equal, a particular community has to be passed over for want of a candidate within the age limit, the Board will make suitable recommendations to Government for exemption in the case of qualified candidates".

102. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Staff Selection has started giving appointments; if so, the number appointed from the different communities?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes; 53 in the order of rotation.

103. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—

I. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the schedule of qualifications published by the Staff Selection Board has retrospective effect;

(b) does the qualification prescribed for employment affect in any way the present incumbents?

II. Will the Government be pleased to issue a Government Proceedings explaining the situation more clearly?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—

I. (a) No.

(b) Yes.

II. Orders already issued are sufficiently explicit.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—If there are undergraduates of 10 or 12 years standing, efficient undergraduates, what objection is there for the Government to appoint them as head clerks where there are graduate managers?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The question is one of reconciling the respective claims and interests of graduates and undergraduates who are already in Service or who are waiting for entry into service. The compromise adopted is that undergraduates might rise up to Rs. 60.

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